

## *The House's Owners*

Original Owners: Robert and Sarah Barber

Robert was a farmer who bought 564 acres of land from his father, John Barber, in 1842. This house was probably built between 1810 and 1845. It was located on Country Side Road off of Highway 74.

Sarah and Robert had one child, Mary, in 1841. By 1850, they owned 800 acres of farmland, probably used to grow cotton and corn and raising hogs.

Though Robert died in 1856, Sarah continued to live in the house until her death in 1881. Mary's first husband, Robert Crawford, died in the Civil War in 1865. Mary and their son, John, lived with Sarah in the house until Mary remarried in 1868.

Sarah Barber died in 1881, leaving no will, so the land (with the house on it) was sold at auction in 1885 and bought by George Washington Ware. Ware was a carpenter and farmer and tenants who worked on his farm lived in this house until the 1950s.

Ware's grandson, H.O. "Toby" Williams, donated the house to Kings Mountain Historical Museum in 2002.



*The house pictured in its original location, 1980s.*



*The house being put back together in its current location.*

## *Moving the House*

This log-framed house was photographed, each log numbered, disassembled and moved to its new location. Some of the wood, inside and out, had to be replaced by other houses from the time. Two windows came from the Robert Patterson House, which stood near the Battleground with its own stories of the Revolutionary War. The two stone chimneys with brick tops were reconstructed. It took many volunteers, including Charles and Greg Padgett, and preservationists to assemble it as you see it today.



*The house being taken apart in its original location.*

## *Structure of the House*

Style: Late Federal.

Characterized by:

- The hall and parlor floor plan
- The two chimneys

Construction:

- Horizontal pine siding on the walls and ceilings
- Crown molding and baseboards
- Whitewashed interior walls, which reflect the light from candles and oil lamps
- Notched out areas on the logs for furring strips. These were thin strips of wood used to hold the interior and exterior walls together.

Features:

- Windows for light and ventilation. Though shutters cover them today, at one time there could have been glass panes in them.

- Closet and enclosed box stairs to the loft. The second floor was normally used as sleeping quarters for children and a storage area.



*Upstairs, before the move.*

## Kings Mountain Historical Museum

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### Hours

Tuesday – Saturday: 10am – 4pm

### Free Admission

Donations Appreciated

### Directions

Downtown Kings Mountain,  
off Highway 74 Business  
On the corner of East Mountain St.  
& South Piedmont Ave.

## *Robert Barber House*



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